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The following travel-studies are based upon John L. Stoddard's Lectures, and are adapted to the use of all readers of his works, individually or in clubs, as a substitute for travel, a preparation for travel, or a reminiscence of travel. According to the plan adopted in these outlines, the tourist starts in the "land where the day begins," and journeys toward the setting sun.



PREFACE.

"A frog in the well knows not the wide ocean."-Oriental Proverb.

The supreme benefit of travel lies in the priceless recollections which we bring back from our wanderings. Travel enables us to make the conquest of the world, appreciative observation garners up its harvest, and memory furnishes the feast. A tourist may return from travel penniless, yet be a mental millionaire; while some illiterate Croesus, who has never visited the shrines of Nature, Art, and History, is, in the realm of memory, a bankrupt.

The benefits of travel,—who can doubt them? What is the whole world but an open book whose author is Almighty God, and on the pages of which have been written, more or less distinctly, stories of the various races of humanity? Whatever be their language, nationality, or faith, all students of the Past are heirs together in the heritage of History; and under the broad dome of heaven, the homes of noble minds and the scenes of heroic deeds become our universal sanctuaries.

JOHN L. STODDARD.

Subjects for Observation and Study, en route.

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Famous Scenery.

I.

What sacred mountain does Stoddard describe as "A silver-crested pyramid, over twelve thousand feet in height, rising in one majestic sweep from sea to sky, changing its color constantly from dawn to dusk, like some officiating priest assuming consecrated robes of purple, orange, violet, green, and gold?" iii. 139, 140, 197.

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v.

What island does Stoddard describe as follows? "On the dark background of antiquity, these clustered islands sparkle like the Pleiades upon the dome of night." ii. 10. "From each has sprung a temple, a statue, a poem, or at least a myth, which still exist to furnish joy and inspiration to the world." i. 235.

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Χ.

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XII.

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XIII.

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XIV.

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XVI.

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XX.

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H.

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IV.

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V1.

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XII.

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XIII.

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XIV.

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ΙI.

Nikko. "Words impotently creep before the grand impressiveness of Nikko, as insects crawl beneath its cryptomerias." iii. 95.

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III.

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XI.

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Where was the material obtained? ii. 252.

XIV.

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XVIII.

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XIX.

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XX.

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T.

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The Acropolis, "A casket of the rarest architectural jewels in the world." i. 236.

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VI.

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Recall some historical associations with the Bridge of Sighs. i. 315, 316.

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IX.

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Χ.

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Describe the remarkable columns of its portico. vi. 238.

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How is Hawthorne's name associated with the origin of Longfellow's "Evangeline?" Sup. ii. 99, 100.

Describe Grand Pré, and note the names of places still found there. Sup. ii. 106.

What is the value of Longfellow's presentation of this tragedy? Sup. ii. 107.

Religions.

I.

What are the two principal religions of Japan? iii. 191.

Note the vagueness of Shintoism. iii. 192.

What are its general characteristics? iii. 192.

Describe the interior of a Buddhist temple in Japan. iii. 194, 196.

II.

What is a matsuri? iii. 200-202.

Read of the pilgrimages to Fujiyama. iii. 140-146.

What is the curious superstition concerning the god Jizo? iii. 142, 167, 146, 147.

What is the central fact of the religions of China? iii. 257, 258.

III.

Which two of the most wide spread religions of humanity were cradled in India? iv. 9.

Antiquity of each? iv. 9, 118.

Temple of the Sacred Tooth. Extent of its fame? To what is its sanctity due? iv. 32-35.

IV.

Show the contrast between Buddha and the Buddhism of the present, as illustrated by the imposture of the Sacred Tooth. iv. 37, 38.

Name the religions found in India to-day. Which two are predominant? iv. 39.

Why are animals held sacred in India and other Oriental Countries?

V.

The Parsees of India. What was their origin? Why are they called "Fire-worshippers?" iv. 49-51.

Why is Benares held so sacred? iv. 68-72.

Read description of the Ganges and its worshipers. iv. 74-83.

VI.

Compare Mohammedanism and Hinduism, as the two religions may be observed at the present time. iv. 83, 84.

What goddess is supposed to be made happy for a thousand years by a draught of warm human blood? iv. 132.

How is Brahminism responsible for the tyranny of the caste system in India. iv. 95-102.

VII.

What attracted Pilgrims to the Isle of Isis for centuries before the birth of Christ? ii. 308, 309.

How did the Egyptians look upon life? ii. 325.

Why did they spend so much time and labor on their tombs? ii. 324, 326.

VIII.

What is the tradition concerning the Via Dolorosa of Jerusalem? ii. 136, 137.

What are the religious associations connected with the area on which the Mosque of Omar stands? ii. 141-145.

Relate the tradition concerning St. Helena and the finding of the Cross of Christ. ii. 156, 157.

IX.

What is meant by the "Miracle of the Holy Fire?" ii. 163-166.

What can be said as to the authenticity of most of the sacred places now pointed out to the traveler in the Holy Land? ii. 178-180.

Read account and characteristics of pilgrimages to Jaffa and the Sepulcher at Jerusalem. ii. 118, 123, 139, 160, 163, 164, 176, 177, 192.

X.

Repeat the words, called out five times daily from all the Moslem mosques of Asia, Africa, and Europe; at which one hundred and eighty millions of people turn their thoughts from earthly occupations to worship God alone. ii. 60, 61.

What old religion "still lives in every statue of the gods, in every classical allusion, in every myth which poets weave into the garlands of their song?" i. 232.

The Oracle of Delphi. Its past importance? i. 245; ii. 235.

XI.

Picture of the scene at the Acropolis when St. Paul addressed the Athenians. i. 261.

How did the unification of the world under the Cæsars, favor the propagation of Christianity? viii. 251.

Describe the martyrdom of many of the early Christians in the Roman ampitheatres. viii. 271, 272.

How, through the influence of Christianity, did the gladiatorial combats come to an end? viii. 272.

XII.

How did Constantine, by acknowledging the faith of Jesus as the state religion, prepare the way for Rome to become not only the sovereign, but the priestess, of humanity? viii. 276, 277.

What is the tradition as to the burial-place of St. Paul? viii. 299, 300. How is the Appian Way associated with that apostle? viii. 304.

XIII.

Where is the residence of the Popes at Rome? viii. 326. Who is the present occupant of the Chair of St. Peter? viii. 328. How does he rank among the great statesmen of the world? viii. 328. What is said of his scholarship and his habits? viii. 329, 330. Why do the popes never leave the Vatican enclosure? viii. 330–333.

XIV.

Who was Savanarola? viii. 12-14, 24.

Who said: "All religions must be tolerated, but none must make unjust encroachments on the others. In this country every man must get to heaven in his own way?" Significance of these words at the time spoken? vi. S6.

XV.

For what reason could Philip II. at one time boast that not a heretic lived within his kingdom? v. 280.

What was the character of Philip? v. 281, 282.

Describe his residence in the Escorial. v. 280.

XVI.

By whom was much of the early Christianity of England brought into that country? Sup. ii. 29.

What is the religious belief in regard to the Cross of Cong? Sup. 93, 94. Give a sketch of the life and character of St. Patrick. Sup. ii. 104. In what century did he live? Sup. 102.

By whom was he captured when a young man, and sent as a slave to Ireland? Sup. ii. 103.

XVII.

Importance of his work for Ireland? Sup. 103, 104.

What episode is recalled by the statue of St. Patrick on the Hill of Tara? Sup. ii. 138.

Of what importance was Ireland to Christianity during the sixth, seventh, and eighth centuries? Sup. ii. 148–151.

XVIII.

St. Columba. What does the name signify? Sup. ii. 152. What was Columba's rank by birth? Sup. ii. 151.

How many monasteries and churches is he said to have established? Sup. ii. 152.

When did he leave Ireland, and for what purpose? Sup. ii. 152.

Where did he establish himself, and how important did his "Holy Isle" become? Sup. ii. 153.

XIX.

Where is the village of St. Anne de Beaupré, and for what is it known throughout Catholic Christendom? Sup. ii. 44, 45. What sacred relic is preserved in the stone church of that place? Sup. ii 42.

Significance of the numerous crutches, canes, etc., also found there? Sup. ii. 45, 46.

XX.

How many thousand pilgrims visit this town every summer? Sup. ii. 46. Recall the pilgrimages of the Hindus to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth. iv. 32-35.

Also of the Buddhists to the Temples of Japan, and the Moslems to the tombs of the Sheiks in Egypt. Sup. ii. 47.

Likewise the pilgrimages of "hero-worshippers" to the burial-places of Burns and Shakespeare.

Customs and Characteristics.

I.

Explain how Japanese customs differ from our own in the following particulars: method of ringing bells; the use of the plane; the use of keys; mode of carrying babies; attitude in token of respect; etiquette on entering a house. iii. 207–208.

II.

Also in the position of "foot-notes" in a book; direction of lines when writing; color worn for mourning; place of best rooms in a house; manner of mounting a horse and of putting him into the stall. iii. 208, 209.

III.

Describe a Japanese pillow. iii. 155.

A bed. iii. 181.

A lady's style of hair-dressing. iii. 155, 156.

What is the Japanese obi? iii. 157, 158.

Observe the styles of shoes. iii. 203, 204, 207.

Note absence of chairs in a Japanese room. iii. 156, 157.

Also the peculiar arrangement of the interior of a house. iii. 179, 180.

IV.

What waitresses does Stoddard describe as "the daintiest, happiest, and most obliging specimens of humanity that walk the earth?" iii. 183.

What is a characteristic of the Japanese manner when announcing a calamnity? iii. 170, 171.

V.

Contrast methods of travel and characteristics of the "biped-horses" in Japan and China. iii. 242, 252-254, 274-276, 280, 314.

Why are wheel-barrows used in China as means of transportation? iii. 252.

How do the graves of ancestors in that country interfere with railroad building? iii. 256-258.

VI.

What is a peculiarity of the tonsorial art in China? ii. 287, 288. Note the origin of the Chinese queue? iii. 287.

Why does a Chinaman sometime kill himself, instead of his enemy, when he wishes for revenge? iii. 284.

VII.

How was the custom of opium-smoking introduced into China? iii. 265-267.

Note the practical custom of the Chinese in paying a physician only as long as his "patient" remains in good health. iii. 305.

Why does a Chinaman paint an eye on the bow of his ship? iii. 232.

VIII.

Give the lengths of a Chinese belle's finger nails, iii. 305, 306.

What is meant by the "lily feet" of a Chinese lady? iii. 306, 307. How is this stunted foot produced? iii. 307.

Describe the process of foot-binding. iii. 307,308.

Antiquity of the custom? iii. 308.

What is the cause of so much infanticide in China? iii. 308.

IX.

What does Stoddard say of Chinese industry? iii. 299.

What is a Chinaman's reputation for honesty in business dealings? $\,$ iii. 315.

How do the Chinese regard our customs? iii. 318.

X.

What people leave the bodies of their dead out on an iron-grating for vultures to devour? iv. 55, 56.

Describe the Hindu method of cremation. iv. 145.

Where do railway authorities keep coffins at stations, ready for emergencies? iv. 8.

XI.

What is meant by "caste?" iv. 95, 96.

Its origin? iv. 95.

Its effect upon the people? iv. 97–101.

XII.

To what extent are jewels worn by the women of India? iv. 18-21.

What kind of "entertainers" in India take the place of our organgrinders? iv. 22-26.

By what peculiar device are the slender boats of Ceylon prevented from overturning? iv. 12, 13.

XIII.

Recall peculiar remedies for toothache and headache used in Egypt. ii. 260, 261.

What seems to be the African's idea in regard to Satan's complexion? ii, 261.

Of whom did the Greeks say that "they looked upon their earthly dwelling as a kind of inn, but upon the grave as their eternal home?" ii. 325.

In what manner were the old Vikings buried? i. 80.

XIV.

Mention a special reason why Constantinople has so many exquisite fountains. ii. 46, 47.

What two beverages only do the Moslems offer for sale? ii. 23.

Read description of the Turkish bath. ii. 47.

Describe the dance of the whirling dervishes. ii. 86, 87.

How are graves of men distinguished from those of women in a Turkish cemetery? ii. 68.

XV.

How many wives is a Turk allowed by law? Why do so few Turks take advantage of that privilege? ii. 79.

State some facts of a legal nature that are not generally known concerning the Moslem woman. ii. 81, 82.

Who bestows the dowry upon a Turkish bride? ii. 82.

What is the custom as to divorce? ii. 82.

XVI.

Where is it the custom to drive goats through the streets, and milk them on the sidewalks at so much a pint? viii. 138, 139; Sup. ii. 276.

Importance of the story-teller in Naples? viii. 153.

Why the necessity of letter writers in that city? viii. 154, 155.

XVII.

Describe the Viennese method of sprinkling streets. vi. 182.

What are noticeable characteristics of the market woman of Vienna? vi. 183.

Explain the method of hiring cabs at the station in Berlin. vi. 9, 10.

XVIII.

In what city does a traveler frequently see the sign, "Fire and Water to sell?" Explain the custom. vii. 184.

How does Stoddard describe the appearance of the old fisherman near the Hague? vii. 212.

Describe the position of woman in Holland. vii. 197, 198.

Note the characteristic cleanliness of houses in Holland. vii. 199, 200.

XIX.

What is the object of the snake-dance, practised by the Moquis Indians? x. 148.

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Compare this custom with that of the Swiss Lake-Dwellers. x. 137, 138.

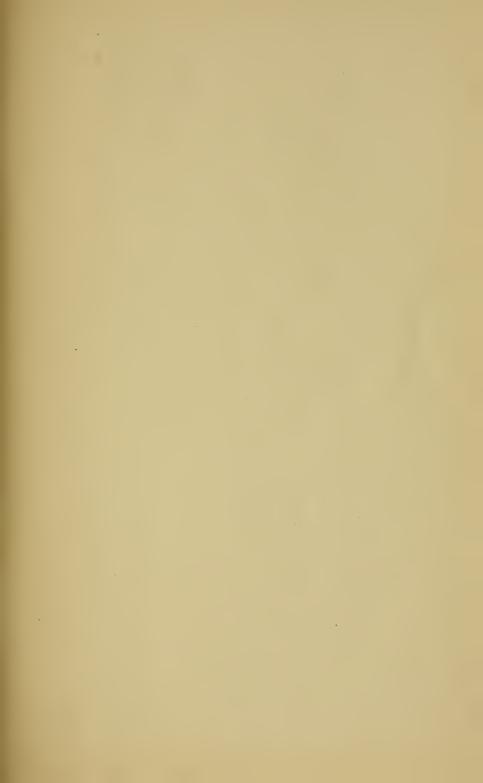
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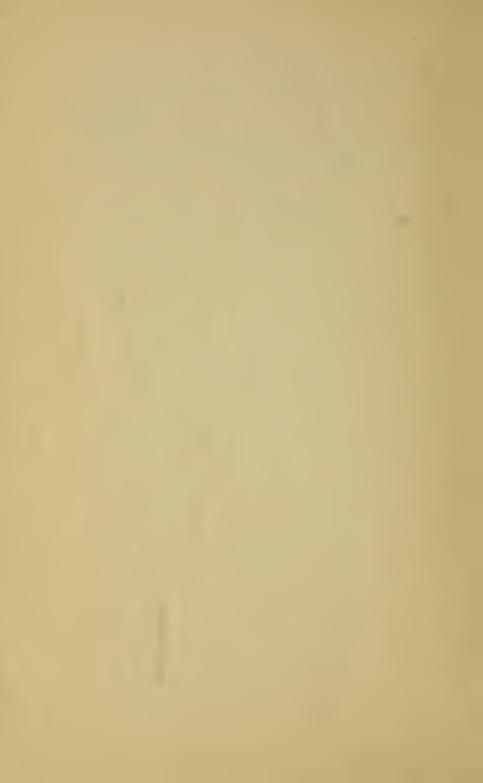
Where in America are graves rented only for five years? What is the final destination of the remains of the dead? vii. 259-261.

Describe other curious customs pertaining to burial in Mexico. vii. 293, 294, 257, 258.

Explain the Mexican method of courtship. vii. 290, 292.

In what part of America does a woman own the home and all its contents, and possess the right to evict her husband if he mistreats her? x. 142.











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